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November 12, 2003

Ms. Tricia Knight
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Sacramento, CA 95814

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ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

RE: File # SA2003RF0054 (King James Textbook Initiative)

Dear Ms. Knight:

As the proponent I submit a draft of the proposed initiative measure to your office and request that a title and summary of the chief purpose and points of the proposed initiative measure be prepared. This is a nonmaterial resubmittal, the \$200 fee has been provided (Check #5005).

Suggested chief purpose and points for your consideration: "Amends California Constitution to provided the King James Bible as a textbook for grades one through twelve, to pupils whose parents do not opt-out by specific objection, for voluntary reading and study. Provides that study of the book be without a devotional purpose, denominational, nor doctrinal instruction. Requires that the law be interpreted and applied consistent with statements by the U.S. Supreme Court that Constitutionally permit integrating the Bible into the public school curriculum when presented objectively as part of a secular program of education."

Please display the proponent's email address for all public communication as follows: Info@KingJamesTextbook.com.

Thank you,

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Pursuant to Elections Code § 9608

I, Matt McLaughlin, acknowledge that it is a misdemeanor under state law (§ 18650 of the Elections Code) to knowingly or willfully allow the signatures on an initiative petition to be used for any purpose other than qualification of the proposed measure for the ballot. I certify that I will not knowingly or willfully allow the signatures for this initiative to be used for any purpose other than qualification of the measure for the ballot.

Dated this 12th day of November, 2003

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The People of California add and amend Art. IX § 7.7 to the California Constitution, entitled "Authorized or King James Textbook" as follows:

§ 7.7 Whereas the Authorized or King James Bible of 1611, was one of the supreme achievements of the English Renaissance, and is rightly regarded as one of the most influential books in the history of English civilization, which has served as a model of writing for generations of English-speaking people, and is an acclaimed literary work of great historic importance, and whereas it is commendable in the study of such secular disciplines as history, literature, culture, poetry, law, language, ethics, science, and philosophy, such that familiarity with the work broadens the education of the mind, and can, and for this statute shall, be done without a devotional purpose nor any denominational instruction to accept or reject its religious components, for as the general education of the populace, and not the establishment of any sectarian religion nor doctrinal instruction, shall be the purpose or effect herein (and such avowed purposes are to be clearly announced), the People therefore direct that the King James Bible, without apocrypha, conformable in spelling, capitalization, and typeface to modern text, and including the translators' preface to King James, the translators' introductory remarks to the reader, a standard concordance, a glossary defining only archaic words and pronouns, and without commentary, footnotes, or margin notes, is to be provided henceforth as a textbook for grades one through twelve to be furnished without cost to each of those pupils whose parents do not opt-out by specific objection. The reading and study of the book shall be voluntary. This statute shall be interpreted and applied consistent with these statements by the United States Supreme Court: "[I]ntegrated into the school curriculum, where the Bible may constitutionally be used in an appropriate study of history, civilization, ethics, comparative religion, or the like." (Stone vs. Graham, 449 U.S. 39 (1980)), and, "It certainly may be said that the Bible is worthy of study for its literary and historic qualities. Nothing we have said here indicates that such study of the Bible or of religion, when presented objectively as part of a secular program of education, may not be effected consistently with the First Amendment." (School District of Abington Township vs. Schempp, 374 U.S. 225 (1963)).